Recycle Recycle Rec cycle Recycle Recycle Recycle Recycle Rec ecycle Recycle Recycle e Recycle Recycle Rec cycle Recycle Recycle Recycle Recycle Rec ecycle Recycle Recycle e Recycle Recycle Rec ecycle Recycle Recycle Recycle Recycle Rec cycle Recycle Recycle Recycle Recycle Rec ecycle Recycle Recycle e Recycle Recycle Rec ecycle Recycle Recycle Recycle Recycle Rec ecycle Recycle Recycle e Recycle Recycle Rec ecycle Recycle Recycle Recycle Recycle Rec cycle Recycle Recycle Recycle Recycle Rec ecycle Recycle Recycle Recycle Recycle Rec

## Custodians... The Key To Our CMS Recycling Program

This factsheet is designed to provide you with information on the Charlotte - Mecklenburg Schools Recycling Program and what we need you to do to ensure its success.

1

**Designate placement of recycle containers.** Inside collection containers are available from Mecklenburg County Waste Reduction. Medium size containers are used in classrooms, media centers, and individual offices. Large containers should be placed in art rooms and at copiers. Rolling containers can be used to collect recyclables and transport them to the outside recycling dumpster. If your school recycles cans and plastic drink bottles, place recycle containers for these items near vending machines and at the cafeteria. The can and bottle recycle containers should always be lined with plastic bags.



**Flatten your cardboard.** Generally, it works best if you designate specific locations to collect flattened cardboard boxes. The cafeteria, copy room, administrative offices, media center, and school store are the main sources of cardboard.



Move recyclables from inside collection containers to the outside recycling container. Recyclables should be collected from the inside containers or common area on a daily or other appropriate frequency. In some schools, custodians have responsibility for all recycling containers. At other schools, custodians have responsibility for only centrally located recycling containers. Rolling containers may be used for inside collection and transporting the paper and cardboard to the outside recycling dumpster.



**Learn what materials can be recycled.** White and colored paper, computer/copy paper, flattened corrugated cardboard, paperboard, glossy papers such as magazines, newspapers, and telephone books can be recycled. Empty cans and plastic drink bottles can also be recycled. Paper products used in restrooms and the cafeteria and paper that has been in contact with food or gum are not recyclable.



**Stop Contamination!** Contamination can mean an entire dumpster or truck of recyclables will be sent to the landfill instead of the recycling facility. Contamination occurs when trash and non-recyclable items are put in the recycling containers. Custodians are often the first line of defense against contamination. Pizza boxes and half-full drink cans and bottles are major sources of contamination. If contamination is found in the collection containers, it must be placed in the trash. Trash containers should be placed near recycling containers in order to minimize contamination.

Horline
for
Missed
or Extra
Recycling
Pickups

Printed on Recycled Paper



## It's Up to You...

## Recycle...it's the law!

The Mecklenburg County Recycling Ordinance requires schools that generate 16 cubic yards (or two standard dumpsters) of trash per week to keep recyclables out of their dumpsters. A school can be fined if it is not in compliance. A custodian's role in collecting recycables and placing them into the outside recycling dumpster is vital to the success of the schools recycling program efforts.

Good News...Charlotte - Mecklenburg Schools has a recycling program in place!

## Making the Recycling Program a Success

- Make sure all recycling containers are clearly marked.
- Watch for contamination and dump any recycling container with contamination into a trash container.
- Monitor the outside recycling dumpster for contamination and overflow.
- If contamination is frequently found in the recycling containers or large amounts of recyclable paper is found in the trash containers, report these concerns to the school's Recycling Coordinator.
- If your outside recycling container is not picked up or an extra pickup is needed, call Mecklenburg County Waste Reduction at 704-336-5371. Your container will be serviced within 24 hours.
- If you need additional recycling containers or have questions, contact your school Recycling Coordinator or call Mecklenburg County Waste Reduction at 704-336-3777.





